BROOKLYN NEWS.

IN THE SOCIAL WORLD.

DANCES, TEAS AND RECEPTIONS INTER-FERED WITH BY THE WEATHER.

BEGINNING PREPARATIONS FOR THE IMPETONGA THE SECOND PROSPECT HEIGHTS AS-

SEMBLY-CLUB NOTES AND GOSSIP. The miserable weather of last week interfered to a great extent with the enjoyment of dances, tess and receptions which had been planned, but there was a large gathering of Prospect Heights people at the second of the Heights Assemblies, was given on Thursday night, in the Pouch mansion. The rooms were decorated in a tasteful er; flowers and ferns were there in profusion and Giesman's two orchestras kept the music going and Glesman's two orchestras kept the music going all through the evening. Mrs. J. Blon Bogart, Mrs. George Fahys, Mrs. Francis S. Sherry, Mrs. William C. Wallice, Mrs. Frederick H. Webster, and Mrs. Charles S. Whitney, the patronesses, received the guests in the white reception room. At midnight supper was served at small tables in the barquet-hall. The committee in charge of the dance included Carroli J. Post, fr., Andrew Peters, James H. Mairs. William A and Frederick H. Webster, Dr. Bogart and Francis S. Sherry.

The chief point around which the interest of the dancing set now centres in the Ihpetonga Ball, which is to be held on Tuesday evening in the ociation rooms and the assembly room of the Academy of Music. This will be the tenth annual dance, and the fact that the same committee which has heretofore had charge of the functions superintend the coming one is a guarantee that it will be fully equal to any that have pre-Amory S. Carhart, William Carey Sanger, William C. Sheldon, Jr., and Arthur M. Hatch. Mrs. Carhart will appear for the first time as a patroness, her associates being Mrs. A. A. Low, Mrs. Edward H. Litchfield and Mrs. R. M. Stuart. There are to be no favors in this year's cotillon, which will be danced after supper and led by Arthur M. Hatch, with Mrs. Philip Bradford Niles, who was Miss. Sadle Brook man. seded it. The committee consists of A. A. Low.

The first concert of the fourth season of the Choral Club, in the Germania Club's assembly-rooms, drew a large attendance, in spite of the disagree Prederick B. Fiske, Mrs. George T. Fiske, Walter H. Crittenden and Henry W. K. Welsh, were absent, and much regret was expressed that the weather had kept them away. At the conclusion of the concert some of the younger members of the audience enjoyed a dance.

Since the holiday season ended the afternoon teas and at-homes and other society affairs have come so rapidly that it has been rather hard to keep track of them. The rush began last week, and has continued up to the present time.

The meeting of the Twentieth Century Club which was scheduled for last Saturday evening at th home of Mrs. Thomas B. Hewett, in Remsen-st., was postponed on account of the illness of J. Seaver Page, of New-York, who, with William C. Redfield, was to have spoken on the subject of "The Greater New-York."

will be held on January 25 in the gymnasium of the institute, and a list of patronesses includes some of the most prominent names in Brooklyn, among them being Mrs. James S. T. Stranahan, Mrs. Charles A. Schieren, Mrs. Stephen V. White, Mrs. Timothy L. Woodruff, Mrs. William H. Nichols, Mrs. Latham A. Fish and many others. On the committee are Alexander H. Ackerman, Arthur J. Griffin, David C. Bennett, Frank J. Perry and Mar-cus B. Warden.

Oscar M. Edgerley, of the Brooklyn Bicycle Club. gave a jolly little dinner at the Lincoln Club on Friday of last week for a number of his cycling friends prior to his departure on a Southern shoot-ing trip with Dr. Topham.

Preparations are now being made by the Knickerthe amateur shows with which they have managed to interest Flatbush society for several seasons. The programme includes a minstrel show, followed by an operetta written by De Witt V. B. Riley, of the club, and dancing. The date has not yet been fixed. bocker Field Club, of Flatbush, to give another of

The Ridge Club is to have, on Tuesday evening nother one of the subscription dinners which have been such enjoyable features of the season thus far. The club members are at present deeply interested in the cribbage tournament, games of which are being played on Monday evenings.

The annual meeting of the Marine and Field Club which was held on Tuesday evening at the Clarendon Hotel, showed the club to be in excellent financial condition. It has property worth over \$20,000 and its surplus fund is over \$30,000. Its membership list, which is limited to 320, including twenty life members, is full. The election of officers resulted choice of Touro Robinson, president; Willam H. Garrison, vice-president; O. F. Hibbard, secretary, and William E. Truesdell, treasurer. Directors, to serve for three years, are William H. Gar-rison, Francis P. McColl, Charles Triller, Herbert Mack and Robert S. Morrison, and for two years, to complete the unexpired terms of William Avis and Louis Bourg, resigned, William E. Truesdell and Richard A. Strong. The club will hold its annual cancer races in June, and the regatta will come off in August. Mr. Robinson says that he favors having more club entertainments, especially those to which women can be invited.

The Meadowbrook Hunt Club has enthusiastically taken up golf since the hunting season closed, and games will be played throughout the winter, when-ever the grounds and weather will permit.

The first of the Montauk Club's monthly class dinners was the arctic dinner, given last month, and the second, which is scheduled for next Saturday, is to be an editors' dinner. The list of those who have accepted the club's invitation and are expected to speak includes St. Clair McKelway, Murat Halstead, Charles A. Dana, Chester S. Lord, William H. Mc-Eiroy, Charles R. Miller, Talcott Williams, the Rev. George H. Hepworth, George Cary Eggleston, Sen-stor Hawley and Congressman Dingley, of Matne. Charles A. Moore, president of the club, has started for Camdon, S. C., with his family, and there is some doubt whether he will return in time to be present at the dinner.

The Old Guard ball, which is to be held at the Madison Square Garden, New-York, on Wednesday evening, will have a large Brooklyn contingent present, as Thomas E. Sloan, who is a major in the organization, has made up a party of friends who will join in the dance.

The Brooklyn Riding and Driving Club, which is already in the front rank of the city's organizations, is making great strides toward the lead. Not satisfied with having the best organization of its kind in the Greater New-York, it has branched out toward the formation of a first-class bicycle club, modelled somewhat after the Michaux Club, of New-York, and as another evidence of its versatility the inner circles of the club are discussing the formation of a casalry troop, to be called "Troop B." There are in Brooklyn many skilled horsemen, the city's military interest is strong, and from a social point of view there is little doubt that such a troop would be the most "swell" or ganization in the city. It is to be hoped that the powers that be at Albany will help to bring about the organization of the troop.

The exercises of Wednesday evening at the Riding and Driving Club included the usual music ride in which thirteen couples took part, and an exhibition of work with the lance in a tent-pegging contest. In the latter, W. A. Luckenbach, who missed completely on the first round, led the list at the finish, after a splintered peg had helped to fur-ther reduce his score. Next Wednesday evening there will be a jeu de barre, and the young wom-en will take part in a game called "Defending the Flag."

That new bleycle path is to have a severe test next spring, unless the plans of the Executive Committee of the Good Roads Association fall through. It is proposed that a big wheeling parade through. It is proposed that a big wheeling particles be held, and the committee is making preparations to handle 10,000 wheelmen. When Major C. H. Luscomb, president of the Long Island Wheelmen, was Park Commissioner, several years ago, a parade of 1,000 riders was successfully held, and was considered a big affair.

The Tree Planting and Fountain Society has sent out Bulletin No. 2, regarding trees and their ure. The bulletin will be sent to those who wish it. L. Collins is secretary, at No. 44 Court-st.

An attractive programme will be given at the the benefit of the new and greatly needed charity. the Non-Sectarian Hospital and Home for Epilep-tics, by the Young People's Auxiliary of the Board of Managers. The performance will be under the direction of J. J. McClosky, and will consist of two farces, entitled "Poor Pillicoddy" and "Cool as a Cucumber." A reception in the Criterion ballroom will follow the entertainment. The committee hav-ing the matter in charge are Miss Dickinson, Miss Butterfield, Miss James, Miss Eriksen, Miss Jones, Messrs, Barrett, Parker, Rynd, Hanf, Powell and Whitmore

BISHOP M'DONNELL STARTS FOR ROME. Bishop McDonnell, with his secretary, the Rev. John J. Barrett, salled for Havre on La Champagne yesterday on his way to Rome for his first visit to the Pope. He spent Friday night swith Archbishop Corrigan, and the latter accompanied him to the steamship to see him off. A few

Brooklyn friends were also present, and a number of flower pieces were sent to the steamship Bishop McDonnell is not expected to return until June. He left the Diocese of Brooklyn in charge of Vicar-General McNamara.

NEW RULES FOR WHEELMEN.

REGULATIONS FOR PROSPECT PARK AND THE CONEY ISLAND PATHWAY.

CHANGES THAT A FEW YEARS HAVE BROUGHT ABOUT-ONE OF THE NEW BICYCLE DE-VICES OVERLOOKED BY THE

The new rules for the control of wheelmen in Prospect Park and on the bicycle pathway which have been issued by the Brooklyn Park Commiswill be approved by most sensible devotees of the bicycle. It seems a little odd, however, that the new rules should make their appearance at a time when bicycle-riding is a virtual impossibility, when riders are considering the question whether they shall get along with their old wheels for another season or provide themselves with new mounts, and when, speaking generally, all bicycles

The present is the season when wheelmen mus possess their souls with as much patience as possible. One enthusiast, who has had only one season on the wheel-not a youth, but a middle-aged manwas heard to remark a day or two ago that he had never before felt so seriously dissatisfied with the climate of New-York, and that he contemplated moving to California, so that he might have riding all the year round; and a woman rider with about the same length of experience declared that she could scarcely wait for spring to come, so that she might enjoy the delights of her wheel again. But all this is by the way. Commissioner Equier's new rules provide that no bicycle or tricycle shall used on the paths of Prospect Park. Riders do not have to be very old to recall the time when no bicycle or tricycle was permitted on the most used drives in the Park. In those days all riding was done on the paths, with the exception that one of the drives was open to wheels for some dis-It was a great occasion when all the driver were thrown open, and a number of riders from one of the clubs went out in a body, to go through the operation of formally opening the park roads riding all around the Park, and rejoicing in their new-found liberty. That was only eight years ago. It seems strange, looking back over that short period, to recall with what reluctance the claims of the wheel, in its various forms, to be regarded as a vehicle were admitted.

It was just about that time that the first safeties

were brought to Brooklyn. There were three of them in the first lot-all made in England. The riders who were hold enough to go out on them were treated to much ridicule, especially from the street boys. "Hellow, sawed-off;" and "There goes whiskers on a little one" were among the greet-ings which one of the early riders of a safety received. But the safety has steadily made its way until now an old-fashioned high wheel seems al-most as absurd as the safety did seven or eight

years ago. Until recently the rule in Prospect Park was that bicycles could be ridden on the Park walks before 9 o'clock in the morning, but some one was fright-ened by the unexpected appearance of a wneelman in his neighborhood one morning last year and made a complaint to the Mayor, whereupon Mr. Schieren instructed the Park Commissioner to keep wheelmen off the paths altogether. The new rule is in accordance with those instructions, However, wheelmen walking on the Park paths may enjoy the privilege of pushing their wheels along with them, but woe will be unto them if they venture to place their wheels on the turf. The proper rule is laid down that the law of the road must be observed-that is, "keep to the right" and wherever possible, when passing vehicles go-ing in the same direction with himself, the wheelman must go on the left-hand side. Coasting in the Park is forbidden, but unless the police are vigilant, small boys will be likely to disregard rule when assailed by temptation on the big hill,

lant, small boys will be likely to disregard this rule when assailed by temptation on the big hill, as they have often done in the past. The police must as they have often done in the past. The police must keep their eyes open, too, for a rider with a footkeep their eyes open, too, for a rider with a footkeep their eyes open, too, for a rider with a foot keep their eyes open, too, for a rider with a foot keep their eyes open, too, for a rider with a foot the pask, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, when in reality he was letting his on the brake, who was active in the campaign and each with a foot the harden with a foot he have it eyes open to have a strong them have like he campaign and support the bemocratic lawyer, or the peace and whave the reality he campaign in this cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attorney cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District. Attor

MAYOR SCHIEREN'S NEW SECRETARY.

WILBUR M. PALMER, OF THE TRIBUNE'S STAFF

SUCCEEDS COURTLAND P. DIXON. Courtland P. Dixon, who was appointed secre tay to Mayor Schieren a year ago, resigned his office yesterday, and Mayor Schieren appointed Wilbur M. Palmer to succeed him. Mr. Dixon retires to re-enter the business he was formerly con nected with in the Manhattan Cement Company, in New-York. By his uniform courtesy and tact, he made many friends in the post of Mayor's secretary, and his retirement is much regretted. His successor, Mr. Palmer, is one of the well-known newspaper writers of Brooklyn. For nearly fifteen years he has been The Tribune's representative in that city having charge of the news bureau and contributing many special articles on Brooklyn topics. He has also contributed to the columns of several other newspapers. Mr. Palmer is a native of this State, and was born in Winterton, Sullivan County, in 1850. His early years were spent in farm life and attendance at district school. Later he went to the Hudson River Institute, at Claverack, N. Y., where he completed preparation for college. In 1859 he entered Wesleyan University, at Middletown, Conn., and was graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1873. Both before entering and while in college he had taught school, and he pursued his profession of school-teacher for five years after his graduation, meanwhile receiving the degree of A. M. In 1878 he decided to enter the newspaper profession, and became connected with the city staff of The Tribune, with which he has since remained. Mr. Palmer was one of the founders and first treasurer of the Brooklyn Press Club, He is a resident of the Twenty-ninth Ward, and will enter upon his new duties on Tuesday next. of this State, and was born in Winterton, Sullivan

AT THE BROOKLYN THEATRES. The attention of many theatre-goers in Brook city this week, where Otis Skinner, who last year supported Mme. Modjeska, will make his first ap pearance in this vicinity as a star. The play in which he will be seen is entitled "His Grace De Grammont," and it was written for Mr. Skinner. The characters are taken from Anthony Hamil-"Memoirs of Count Grammont"; but other than this the plot of the play is entirely original. The characters in the play are all historical, and include, besides De Grammont and Charles II include, besides De Grammont and Charles II, Lord Arlington, Lord Jermyn, the notorious Lady Castlemine, Mrs. Middleton, Mistress Warmester, James Hamilton and Miss Hamilton. The production will be on an elaborate scale in the beauty of the settings, the richness of the costuming and other accessories. On the last two evenings of the week Mr. Skinner will be seen in "The King's Jester," a new version of Hugo's "Le Roi S'Amuse."

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At the Columbia Theatre to-morrow evening Roland Reed will begin a week's engagement in his new play, "The Politician," in which he takes the part of General Josiah Limber. The play is a satire on the modern politician and his methods. Mr. Reed has rare opportunities as the scheming political wirepuller who runs conventions, juggles with platforms and empties "barreis." Another character that will not only interest the men, but also the women of the audience, is Cleopatra Sturges, "a twentieth-century woman," portrayed by Miss Isadore Rush.

That popular production, "A Texas Steer; or, Money Makes the Mare Go," will be reproduced at the Amphlon Theatre this week, under the management of Frank McKee. A competent cast will interpret the play. Special scenery has been painted for the production.

POLITICAL AND PERSONAL.

DEMOCRATIC FACTIONS NOT LIKELY TO COME TOGETHER.

STRONG VOICE FOR THE RENOMINATION OF MAYOR SCHIEREN-THE LAST MAYOR OF BROOKLYN MAY BE THE NEXT GOVERNOR - THE QUESTION

The factions into which the Democratic party has been divided since, what a Republican speaker on a recent occasion aptly denominated "the revoluof '93," will hold their respective meetings for organization to-morrow evening. While some husiastic politicians predict that their differences will be obliterated and a union effected before election next fall, there is no immediate expectation on the part of any one of the offer or acceptance of overtures on either side. Both General Committees, the one "of" Kings County and the one "in" Kings County, are the products of efforts at party ganization. The former represents the old "Ring" influence and showed how amenable it was to the former control when action was taken leading up to the presentation of candidates for the offices to filled last fall. On the other hand, the Independent Democratic Organization, after resisting all efforts to be drawn into the scheme whereby all elements of the party were to be united in a form of reorganization on the same plan which proved effective a dozen years before, has steadily maintained its independent attitude. It refused to be drawn into an entangling alliance in the last election, and clared that all vestiges of the control of McLaughlinism and what it represents must be wiped out before any union can be effected. The leaders have declared that the only Democratic party in Brooklyn must be the party of reform, and so practically declare that the other organization must efface itself for the public good. But this is asking the majority to give way to the minority. The Reform Democrats could only muster 17,000 votes to the support of their candidates, far fewer than they asserted had enrolled for their primaries On the other hand the Regular Democrats had 60,000 votes, which was 50 per cent more than their en

The Regular Democratic County Committee at the meeting to-morrow night will probably re-elect James D. Bell president. He has met considerable opposition, and there has been discussion of other randidates, but it is not likely that he will be seriously opposed. The expediency of retaining Mr. Bell as the nominal head, while real control is secured through the Executive Committee, led by Bernard J. York, is recognized by the "Ring" element, as it would too plainly disclose their hands to put Mr. York at the head of the general body. The or-Mr. York at the head of a ganization of a club to direct the party sentiment, which was started a few weeks ago with a flourish, but has remained practically in abeyance ever since was designed to further the re-election of Mr. Bell or failing in that to put forward William C. Beecher for his successor. Mr. Beecher is now vice-president of the committee, and is more likely to remain that position than to be advanced to the presidency. He is the second son of Henry Ward Beecher, and is frequently called "Colonel" Beecher. But this title belongs to his elder brother, not now a resident of Brooklyn, and W. C. Beecher's military title, gained in the National Guard, is Major.

The Reform Democratic Committee at its annual meeting to-morrow evening will choose a successor to Edward M. Shepard as president. Mr. Shepard is distinctined to remain longer in the office, but it is possible that he may yield to the unanimous wish of his followers who regard him as the main-spring of their movement, and under his leadership believe they would accomplish far more than under any one else. Many of them hope to see Mr. Shepard a candidate for Mayor next fall, and it may be decided that he would be in a better position for this nomination if he were not prominently at the head of the independent organization. Charles J. Patterson has been mentioned for the nomination for president if Mr. Shepard positively declines, but he has expressed a preference for remaining at the head of the Executive Committee of the organization. Another man considered as a posecting to-morrow evening will choose a success-

nomination for president if Mr. Shepara general declines, but he has expressed a preference for remaining at the head of the Executive Committee of the organization. Another man considered as a possible president is Henry Hentz, who was an unsuccessful candidate on the county ticket last fail charles. Edwards is desirous of retiring from the post of vectetary of the Shepard Committee, as he post of vectetary of the Shepard Committee, as he is an advocate of rotation in office. The name of Robert H. Roy is mentioned for this office. Mr. Roy is Assistant United States District Attorney, and his activity in a political organization while a Federal official may be disapproved.

A leading Democratic lawyer, who was active in the campaign hast fall on the "regular" side, cald yesterday. I believe the wings of the Democratic party will unite before the next election, at least nominally, and support the same candidates. If they do not they cannot hope to elect a Mayor or District-Attorney of their candidates for any of the other important offices in the city and county. If they do not the entire control of the local government will be in the hands of the Republicans, and hope of the Democrats regaining it this century will be gone. I suppose that if Mr. Shepard is made a candidate for Mayor or Justice of the Supreme Court a union of the factions will be effected. The old leaders see how effectually they have been discredited, and they should be willing to retire once for all from real or apparent control, and not wait for a third decisive defeat."

employed and the results effected at the meeting on Tuesday night will tell strongly against the successful side. The better element in the party is chiefly on the other side and the people will be heard when the nominating conventions meet. control of the organization is by no means as valuable as formerly, when it meant control of the delegates. Instead of a hundred delegates in the convention to nominate the candidate for Mayor next fall, as was the case two years ago, there will be 682, or more if the number of election districts is increased this year. The delegates will come directly from the people and they will each cast as many votes as there were votes cast for the Republican State ticket in their respective districts last fall. I believe that there will be a popular demand for the re-election of Mayor Schleren and that his desire to retire from the office at the close of his present term will be overborne. If the complete consolidation of the two cities is perfected while he holds the office he will be the last Mayor of Brooklyn. And with the prestige of re-election no better candidate could be found than he for the Governorship to succeed Governor Morton. These considerations should be weighed by every lover of good government as exemplified in the administration of city affairs at present. The Shepard Democrats could not refuse to support the re-election of Mayor Schleren without stullfying themselves and forfeiting their own self-respect." control of the organization is by no means as valu-WHO WILL SUCCEED RIDGWAY?

The election of a new District-Attorney is one of the most important matters to be considered this year. For twelve long years the office has been in the hands of James W. Ridgway, who has su cessively succeeded in defeating Robert Payne, John B. Green, General B. F. Tracy and George F. Elliott for the office. With the strong Republican senti-ment now prevailing, a capable Republican should be easily elected against any Democrat who can be put forward. Such a man as Benjamin F. Blair in the office would speedily make it a power for good in the community as a terror to evil-doers whether they possess political "pull" or not, and the ends of the law would not be defeated by the convenient pigeon-holing of indictments of a weak prosecution which failed to effect conviction save against a blundering offense. Whether it would ot be better to defer any investigation of the affairs of the city and county until this important office is in Republican hands is being seriously con sidered. The District-Attorney could do much either to help or hinder the success of any inquiry into public affairs. He should be a man without partisan prejudice, who knows the right, and knowing dares maintain

The chance of Assemblyman Wray to secure the passage of his resolution providing for a committee to investigate the affairs of Brooklyn seems to have been lost by his failure to call it up last week. Delay enables the opposition to manifest itself more strongly, and he will find when he does try to effect the passage of it that most if not all of his colleagues will oppose the measure, and it is likely to be sidetracked or "put to sleep" so effectually that it will be impossible for him to resuscitate it. Senator Bradley has frequently set forth the wish to investigate Brooklyn. Whether he will seek to have a new committee undertake it he has not yet made known. His chief aim has been to have the affairs of the Bridge overhau'ed, and this could be done under the resolution directing the Lexow Committee to investigate such departments as Mayor Strong desires. He is a Bridge trustee, and as such could set on foot an inquiry into the way the affairs of the structure have been managed.

The Bridge trustees will hold their first meeting for the year to-morrow afternoon. Two new exofficio trustees will take their seats in the body—Mayor Strong, of New-York, and Controller Paimer, of Brooklyn. They, with Mayor Schieren, will compose the Republican minority in the Board, while o investigate the affairs of Brooklyn seems to

the real control will be vested in the five Democratic members. In his message Mayor Schieren expressed himself strongly in favor of reform in the management of the Bridge affairs by legislation.

THE ELECTION OF JESSE FULLER. The triumph of the Worth faction in the Repub County Committee at the annual meeting has

brought to the front an entirely new man in Jesse Fuller, the president of the body. He succeeds to the seat filled in recent years by Benjamin F. Biair, Buttling, W. W. Goedrich, Franklin Woodruff, John B. Green and David A. Baldwin. No one of them, unless it was Mr. Woodruff, was elected by such extreme factional methods. Under the leadership of Jacob Worth, the caucus for the choice of candidates for the offices to be filled was deferred until the night before the meeting. It had expected that Henry A. Powell, former pastor of the Lee Avenue Congregational Church, and now a lawyer, would be named for president. But Mr. Powell refused to lend himself to factional terests, even when the prize of a nomination for Mayor was dangled before bim. He expressed himself so strongly in favor of harmony in the choice officers that he was coolly set aside, and Mr. Fuller was made the candidate of the caucus without a dissenting vote. At the meeting of the committee Mr. Powell made an eloquent plea on the His motion to have a committee appointed to agree upon a compromise ticket of Each of the seventy-nine men who voted against it can claim the credit or discredit of defeating the

can claim the credit or discredit of defeating the measure. If some of the able men who voted for Mr. Powell's motion had emphasized their action by a few ringing words in explanation of their votes they might have succeeded in defeating the designs of Sheriff Buttling and John J. McGuinness, who acted as the lieutenants of Worth. The latter was unable to be present owing to his illness, but the serious nature of it was carefully concealed in order to prevent any demoralization of the forces supporting his side.

In the election of Warren C. Tredwell to the post of Secretary of the Republican County Committee, an officer of experience in the place has been restored to it. He filled it for two terms under Presidents Goodrich and Buttling. He succeeds John K. Neal, whose failure of re-election to the committee prevented his candidacy. Robert A. Sharkey, the new treasurer, is new to office in the party, although long a member of the committee. He is a brainy young business man. It is regarded as brainy young business man. It is regarded as brainy that he will be made chairman of the Executive Committee. Until last summer Mr. Sharkey was identified with the interests in the party represented by T. B. Willis. They separated over the nomination for Register of Deeds, which Mr. Willis wanted for himself, and for which Mr. Sharkey supported his political friend and neighbor. Charles M. Newins.

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The Kings County members of Assembly had their usual fortune in regard to the committees at the hands of Speaker Fish. Twelve of the Republicans supported his candidacy, but only six were made chairmen of committees, and only one of these is of much importance, that on General Laws. A. A. Wray secured this, and so is the best placed of the Brooklyn men, although he would have liked something else better. The other chairmen are Houghton, of the Committee on Federal Relations, Scanion, on Labor and Industries; F. Schulz, on Public Institutions; Wieman, on Military Affairs, and H. Schulz, on Unfinished Eusiness. Each of them is on two other committees. Assemblyman Friday fared worst of the Republicans, and the reason is probably found in the fact that he supported Malby for Speaker. The Democratic members did fairly well as members of the minority.

Mayor Schieren returned to his office yesterday after a week's absence. He went to Chicago on private business for Charles A. Schieren & Co., who have a branch office there, and was invited to speak at the Union League Ciub on 'How to Better Government in Large Cities.' He went also to Detroit and visited Mayor Pingree, an old friend, on his return he called on Governor Morton, whem he had never met before, and they had a discussion on legislation and other matters.

THE RAILROAD TRACKS IN MARCY-AVE.

A STRONG PROBABILITY THAT THE COMPANY WILL OUTWIT THE OPPOSING PROP-ERTY-OWNERS.

In spite of the bitter opposition to the construction of a trolley road in Marcy-ave., Brooklyn, it seems evident now that the Nassau Electric Railroad Company is going to have its way. It has been number of consents, and has offered considerable sums of money to obtain what it wanted. was done in the case of a church fronting the the railroad. The sum offered in this case is said to have been \$1,000, which was afterward increased. In the case of an estate embracing several lots fronting on the avenue, an offer of \$2,500 was made the consents of more than one-half of the property on the avenue, and on this showing a permit for ommissioner of City Works, though he will unthe claim made by the company. The circumstance that the legal right to go on with

its work is at last likely to be secured does not after the established fact that its attempt to seize grab. It is nearly a year since the company, by paidiscredited, and they should be willing to retire once for all from resi or apparent control, and not wait for a third decisive defeat.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR REPUBLICANS.

A Republican political leader who sanely surveys the situation at the outset of one of the most im-

begin and was well advanced toward completion before the owners of property along the avenue realized that they were the victims of an outrage. When it was learned that the company had not secured enough consents to entitle it to the permit which it had obtained, the facts were laid before. City Works Commissioner White, who suspended the permit. Then the company set about securing additional consents, while the opposing owners united to maintain their rights. The latter have now been defeated, apparently, and the corporation will come out on top. That seems to be a way corporations have of doling.

The head of the company, which is essentially a political concern, is Patrick H. Flynn. There are two or three other companies associated with the Nassau, and an extensive system of electric railroads is projected, extending from the Thirty-minth Street Ferry to Fort Hamilton, Coney Island, Flatbush, Carnarsie, and through Rogers and Marcy avex to the Broadway ferries. It is said that passengers will be carried over the entire system for five cents. The roads accordingly bid fair to be popular, but that is no excuse for invading a fine street when there is a railroad track in Nostrandave, and another in Tompkins-ave, only a block away on each side. Undoubtedly the Nassau Company could have arranged to run its cars over one of these tracks, but instead of paving a rental therefor it preferred to get hold of Marcy-ave, by hook or by crook.

It is one of the lines of this company which wants to cross the Ocean Parkway at grade. Its application has been denied by Park Commissioner Squier, who insists that the company must go under the Houlevard by means of a tunnel. People who use the Houlevard are wondering whether Flynn will succeed in outwitting the Park Commissioner and in running his cars across on the surface after all. It seems certain that if he gets the right to do this, even temporarily, he will not be inclined to give it a mile at the very least.

PREFERRED DEATH TO A WHIPPING. THE ADVENTURES OF FREDA STECKHAUSER

END WITH AN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

BT DROWNING.

Freda Steckhauser, a twelve-year-old girl, jumped into the East River at North First-st. yesterday afternoon to end her life, because she feared a whipping from her parents for remaining away from school on Friday afternoon. After being carried by the tide to the Grand-st, pler the child was rescued by James O'Brien, a longshoreman, who as she was about to sink for the last time. An ambulance took her to the Eastern District Hospital. Freda is the eldest of four children. Her parents live at No. 149 North First-st., and the child attends the school near her home. She is of a nervous temperament, and was greatly petted by

At noon on Friday Freda left her home, and instead of going to school visited some friends in the neighborhood. While Mrs. Steckhauser was cleaning the hallway of the house she found Freda's books. When the child returned her mother ques-tioned her. Freda at first insisted that she had been at school, but when Mrs. Steckhauser told her where she had found her books she began to cry and admitted that she had played truant. Freda then ran from the house, and when she

failed to return at the supper hour her parents began a search for her. The police of the Fifth Precinct were informed of her lisappearance, and all night Mrs. Steckhauser remained awake expect ing to hear that her child would return. She did not come, but instead walked the streets until 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when she met one of the sisters of St. Joseph's Home, in North Fifth-si. To the sister Freda said she had no home, and was cold and hungry. She was turned over to the engineer of the building to be thawed out, and then provided with some food. Freda was then taken to the Fifth Previnct station, where it was seen that her description answered that of the reported missing girl. She finally admitted that she was Freda Steckhauser, and her mother was sent for. When Mrs. Steckhauser reached the station she was overjoyed at having her missing one restored to her, and started to take her home.

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Freda accompanied her mother only a short distance when she broke away and ran down North First-st, toward the river. Mrs. Steckhauser followed, but was not swift enough, and the child reached the pier before she was overtaken, and plunged into the ley water. When the child was seen to jump from the pier Mrs. Steckhauser fell to the sidewalk in a faint. James O'Brien, at the Grand-st, pier, saw the little one coming along with the tide and rescued her.

Unless pneumonia sets in Freda will be about in a few days.

READY FOR SEA.

TO FINISH THE MAINE IN DRYDOCK-THE GUN-BOAT TO GO TO AFRICA-ARMOR

FOR THE PURITAN. With the New-York away, the Cincinnati and Castine are the only cruisers left at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and as work on them is being rushed, and they will probably get away this week, the North Atlantic Station will be clear of effective war vessels for the first time in many months. There is lots of activity at the Yard, however, and the beginning of the work of improvement for

which contracts have been awarded, the docking of the big battleship Maine, and the announcement that when she leaves the dock she will be ready for sea; the dismantling of the Portsmouth, and the rapid decrease in the number of men on the Vermont available for service on other ships, all tend to "keep things moving." The discharge a large number of men who have been employed on work connected with the cruisers is expected soon, as the torpedo-boats being built for the Maine are almost completed, and they will be hoisted on board while the big ship is in the dock. The three ten-inch turret guns will also be placed, and it is expected that the fourth one will arrive at the Yard in time to join its companions before she is floated. There is a lot of work yet to be done on the battleship, as her forward turre plates are not yet in place. A number of the shields for her small guns have been mounted, however, and she is rapidly assuming a warlike

On board the Cincinnati the chief work has been the packing of her belt of cellulose, and the caulk-ing and planing of her decks. The cellulose has been packed by powerful screws in much the same manner that cotton bales are "jacked" merchant-steamers, the pressure being sufficient to reduce it to half its original volume, and the coffer dams of the Cincinnati will require about fifteen tons. As cellulose has only about one-fourth the specific gravity of cork, it will be seen that a large quantity of the absorbent is repre-sented by the weight mentioned.

The news that the Castine would go to the east coast of Africa by way of the Cape of Good Hope increasing the South Atlantic Squadron were terests in Mozambique and Madagascar might have to get along as best he can with the Newchange will be more men for the Minneapolis and other ships, as the Castine had been slated to take out fifty men to take the places of those on the Newark and Yantic whose terms of enlistment have expired.

The work on the big new drydock which Con tractor Gillies is trying to build goes along with exasperating slowness. Of course the weather of the last week was a great hindrance to active op erations, but few people who have kept track of the work have any confidence that the big job will be finished until long after the big ships of the

a building torn in two, with one half dragged down toward the sea wall. The structure was No. 116, the place where the torpedo boats for the Maine have been in process of construction. Now they are sufficiently advanced to be floated and afterward taken on board the battleship, where they will be completed.

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A large lot of armor, including turret plates and covers, with lots of smaller, pieces, came in on a Lehigh Valley float which was tied to the quay wail yesterday. The armor is intended for use on the coast-defence monitor Puritan, and the two plates for her side armor are expected to arrive at the Yard this week. They will be put in place at once and, as the hull of the vessel is receiving its final coat of paint, it is likely that she will be launched in a short time.

The work of stripping the old sloop-of-war Portsmouth is nearly ended. Yesterday the bluejackets were clearing out the interior of the old vossel, and the quay wall was littered with "dunnage" and "dirty bags" and all the paraphernalla which "lack" delights to have with him when on duty. Hurried preparations are being made on the Castine for her departure for Africa, and yesterday afternoon her smoke-pipe was receiving a coat of red paint preparatory to the final coating of yellow which is the distinctive mark of American war vessels.

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Among the orders last week of interest to the Yard were the detachment of Assistant Surgeon Parenholt from the Vermont and his assignment to duty at the Naval Hospital at Norfolk. Assistant Surgeon C. P. Kindleberger was ordered to instruction at the Brooklyn Naval Laboratory.

The nomination of Lieutenant-Commander Franklin Hanford, at present chief aid to Commodore Sicard, to be commander, was confirmed by the Senate on Thursday, but the commission had not arrived at the Yard late yesterday afternoon. Lieutenant-Commander Chârles A. Adams has been absent from his post for a few days, owing to an attack of bronchial trouble.

BROOKLYN NEWS NOTES.

GATHERED ABOUT THE TOWN. The members of St. Matthew's Engl

Church have purchased a site for a new structure at Sixth-ave, and Second st., at a cost of \$13,000, and will erect a building costing \$50,000. The Rev. W. L. Wrain, who has filled the pulpit for some time, has been called as permanent pastor. The services are now held at Seventh-ave, and Seventh-st., as the former church, at Clinton and Amity sts., was sold last year. There were 503 deaths, 344 births and 77 mar-

riages last week. The death-rate was considerably higher than for the previous week. There were 22 deaths from grip, 127 from pneumonia and 17 from diphtheria. Judge Gaynor heard arguments yesterday and

reserved decision in the matter of the continuance of the injunction to restrain the officers of the Republican County Committee from recognizing Ward Committee, on the ground that they were not members of the Ward Committee.

Mayor Schieren yesterday vetoed the resolution of the Aldermen granting to the New-York and Eastern Telephone Company permission to string wires and to connect with the City Hall, Municipal Building, Fire Department Headquarters and elsewhere. He holds that until the company secures permission from the Electrical Subway Comdissioners it is unlawful for it to string wires in any way in the city limits.

The Civil Service Commission has refused to comply with the request of the City Clerk to place the new office of Custodian of Records, created by him, in the non-competitive schedule. City Clerk Benjamin desires to appoint Charles H. Langdon to the position. He can only do so temporarily, however, until an eligible list is prepared, for which an examination will be held in two months. The Commissioners of Charities and Correction

have refused the request of Dr. P. L. Schenck, physician to the penitentiary, for an assistant. It is thought likely that Dr. Schenck will resign. He succeeded Dr. Homer L. Bartlett in 1893. Antitoxin has been successfully used in the

last week as a remedy for diphtheria at the No. 354 Tompkins-ave., and Dr. Homer L. Bartlett. of No. 635 Flatbush-ave. The will of Archibald Kennedy, leaving an estate

of \$20,000, was admitted to probate yesterday. It had been contested by a nephew of the testator and the latter's sister on grounds of undue influence and lack of testamentary capacity. Burglars entered the office of J. F. Smith & Co.

at Raymond-st. and Park-ave., on Friday night, and opened the safe, from which they took \$175 in cash and \$250 in checks.

EX-JUSTICE STILLWELL DEAD.

HE WAS SUFFOCATED BY GAS AND IS THOUGHT TO HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE.

William H. Stillwell, formerly a justice of the peace in Gravesend, was found dead in his room at No. 450 Seventh-ave., yesterday. He had been suffocated by gas escaping from an open burner, and it is supposed that he sought to end his own life. Mr. Stillwell was sixty-three years old, and had been despondent from political and business reverses for some time. His friends had not seen him since Thursday, and yesterday one of them, with a police-man, visited his rooms. They found the doors locked, and on breaking them open the dead man was found upon a bed. The room was full of gas, Mr. Stillwell had undressed and gone to bed. No

papers could be found to throw light upon the matter. The dead man was separated from his wife,

ter. The dead man was separated from his wife, and left one daughter.

He was directly descended from Nicholas Stillwell, who settled in Gravesend in 1638, and he was born there in 1832. In early life he was a teacher and later a surveyor. He was a lawyer by profession afterward, and held the office of justice for the town of Gravesend for several years. At one time he was a clerk in the Carbin Banking office, is New-York for a time he, tillied write office, is New-York for a time he, tillied write.

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ORIENTAL RUGS. Special Sale.

Will place on sale to-morrow ONE THOUSAND ORIENTAL AND ANTIQUE RUGS, imported under the Revised Tariff.

This elegant line of rugs, in all sizes and beautiful designs, are of the best makes, including Kavistan, Mecca, Tiffis Baku, Ispahan, Contah Mosque, Tebriz, Karabagh, Quendje, Kazac, Debrend, Shirvan, Daghestan, Bokhara, Persian, Heriz, Osmanie, Cashmere, Bahndur.

These goods were purchased at a low figure and will be marked to sell at about half their real value during this sale. A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO SECURE HANDSOME RUGS.

LADIES' CLOAKS.

We will offer a lot of Cloth Jackets, newest styles, in Navy Blue, Tan, Brown and Black, which sold earlier in the season at from \$10.00 to \$40.00, at \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00. Elegant PLUSH JACKETS, some trimmed with Alaska Sable Fur and some Braided, reduced from \$40.00, \$50.00, \$75.00 and \$85.00

To \$19.50, \$25.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00 A few handsome Berlin Capes in Plush, beau tifully Jetted, reduced from \$110.00 to \$47.50.

LINEN DEPARTMENT.

Continuation of our Annual Linen Sale. A broken lot of fine Double Damask & Dinner Napkins and Table Cloths, 331-3 per cent less than regular prices. 50 doz. Extra Quality Irish Napkins (Manu-

facturer's Samples), reduced from \$1.50, \$1.25 and A large accumulation of Odd Towels, Rem-

nants, Table Damask, Towelling, 4-4 Linen, Pillow Linen and Sheeting, at greatly reduced prices. LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

UNDERWEAR DEPT. Balance of our winter stock of Colored Coats from 2 to 5 years, \$3.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and

\$7.00, former prices \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00 and \$12.00, Children's Colored Silk Caps, 75c., \$1.00. 11.50, 12.00. NEW COTTON DRESS GOODS.

Now open, French Printed Batiste Brillantee, Mousseline De L'Inde, Plumetis, Dimity, Percale,

&c. Exclusive designs, our own importation. UMBRELLAS. 26-inch Fine Gloria Umbrellas, Paragon frames, natural handles, \$1.35, regular price \$1.75. 28-

inch, \$1.65, regular price \$2.00. 26-inch, extra

quality, all silk, made on steel rods, best natural

wood handles, cases and tassels, \$3.00, tregular

price \$4.00. School Umbrellas, 24 and 26 inch, Fast Dye Paragon Frames, Assorted Handles, 75c., \$1.00 and \$1.50.

Umbrellas Covered and Repaired.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

January Sale of Men's Night Shirts and Pajamas.

One Hundred Dozen Fancy Trimmed Night Shirts, best quality Muslin, at 70a each; regular \$1.00 quality

PAJAMAS.

Fifty Dozen Oxford Pajamas, \$1.85; regular \$2.75 quality Main Floor.

BLACK GOODS.

We have just received a new line of Black Crepons. Beautiful Goods.

Junction Flatbush Ave. & Fulton St.

Journeay & Burnham.

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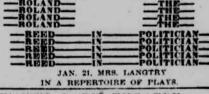
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COL SINN'S PARK THEATRE. TO MORROW Monday, Jan. 14.
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a history of Coney Island, and contributed to local newspapers. It is supposed that despondency led to his suicide.

HURT BY A SCAFFOLDING GIVING WAY. A scaffolding supporting eight masons who were at yesterday, dropping the men to the street, a disexception of John Jamison, forty-four years old who was severely hurt. Jamison's head and bod were badly bruised by the falling planks. He weremoved to the Eastern District Hospital.

A MAN OF LETTERS.

From The Chicago Tribune.

Examinet—Spell "cue."

Policeman Q.

That's what I said—'cue."

Well, that's what I said—'Q."

Well, spell it."

O.

Tes. Cue."

I said 'Q."

Anow it. I want you to spell it.

Thunder! Ain's I spellin it. Is it is possible to spell it. From The Chicago Tribune.